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Conservation Commission Minutes 03/21/2013

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 March 21, 2013

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Catherine Garnett, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, David White and Michelle Durocher of the Commission. Also present was Bruce Whelple.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Mr. Stevens reported that many trees were down at **Window on the Mystic**. The Commission may just let them stay where they fell.

The Commission reviewed the information on **Warrant Article 11** by Mr. Jamieson to standardize town regulations of firearms on public lands. Mr. Stevens will draft a letter to the Board of Selectman regarding a recommendation or need for more information which may include topics of legality, necessity, enforceability, effort towards consistency, Conservation Land regulations (2002) include that all public safety bylaws apply.

Mr. Stevens spoke with the owners of **30 Spy Pond Pkwy** regarding the tree that fell down in Spy Pond which they want to remove and is covered in their Order of Conditions. After Commission discussion, it was decided that Mr. Stevens will direct them to submit a written plan for removal from a new contractor and we will review this as a letter of amendment for their Order of Conditions.

The Commission reviewed the information submitted by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for a **water pipe** replacement in the roadway on Brattle St, near to Mill Brook. White/Connors motioned to approve the minor work with a letter of approval with conditions; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith presented a new request to replace a **gas line** under Mystic St over Mill Brook by National Grid. Ms. Beckwith will forward the submittal via email to the Commission for their consideration and discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. White reported that the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee will hold its annual **cleanup of the Minuteman bikeway** on Saturday April 27 and will also clean up No Name Brook. He will supervise this portion of the work.

The Conservation Commission will have a table at the **Ecofest** on March 23rd.

Ms. Beckwith reported on activities at **86 Coolidge Rd**. The present owner of the open lots asked Ms. Beckwith to come to the property to ask questions regarding investigatory work, digging of test pits in order to design a foundation for a new house. They also asked questions regarding the presence and classification of streams on the property.

Ms. Beckwith asked that the owners submit a written list of exploratory work that they wish to complete, so that she can review that this work is temporary, will have negligible impacts and are necessary for planning and design purposes.

Both Mr. Tirone and Ms. Garnett had comments in regards to the public access and the landscape design at **Arlington Catholic athletic field**. The Commission will also review the Order of Conditions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator